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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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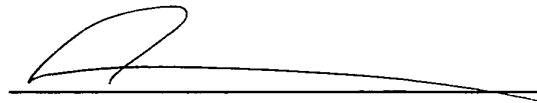
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-300853, filed in Japan on September 29, 2000.

A certified copy of the above-identified Japanese Patent Application was filed in prior Application No. 09/965,220, filed September 28, 2001, on November 30, 2001.

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